GURNEE, **IL** – Today, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) spoke briefly at a Gurnee Chamber of Commerce business luncheon entitled "Welcome Home: Housing our Community." The event, hosted monthly by Gurnee Mayor Kristina Kovarik, also featured Joanna Trotter and Cynthia Luna of the Metropolitan Planning Council, Lisa Tapper of Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County, and Leslie Chapman of Lake Forest College. Their presentations addressed the dynamics of the Gurnee housing market as well as measures employers can take to help their employees find affordable housing.

Bean applauded the steps the Gurnee Chamber of Commerce, as well as Mayor Kristina Kovarik, are taking to inform the Gurnee business community about affordable housing options in the area, noting that such a dialogue is vital in ensuring Gurnee's healthy business climate and excellent quality of life for its residents.

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